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Newsletter of the  
**Southeast Library System**

May 2011

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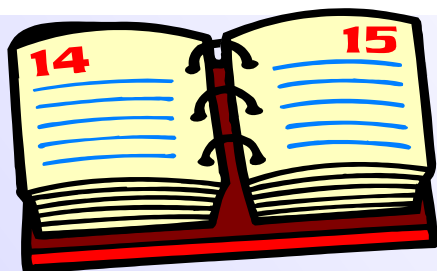
## SOWINGS

By Brenda Ealey, Administrator

"Our differences do not define us; our shared beliefs do. I believe in God, but I do not presume to know him or assume that others believe as I do. I believe in America, both because of what it is and what it can become. And I believe in the great people of this city because we share the same values – even though we may worship or express our patriotism in varied ways. Because we are all striving to understand and to make a better world, we should all rejoice in one another. Because none can understand perfectly, we should respect one another. Therein is the secret of a successful democracy." Mayor Chris Beutler, *Lincoln Journal Star*, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010

This quote from Lincoln mayor, Chris Beutler, was labeled *Tolerance 101* in Nancy Hicks column. And, while I may not agree with all the statements within the quote I do find it compelling for a couple of reasons. First, limited funds in public service and education have entities competing that traditionally have advocated in unison for financial support. It's a crazy time and actions from the Nebraska Legislature on the budget seem headed toward an additional couple years of cuts to agencies that are already operating with diminished funds that have significantly changed services and programs. A good friend called me last evening disheartened by the latest round of cuts affecting UNL, one of which included elimination of the study of organ in the School of Music. She'd participated by providing testimony before a panel of the Academic Planning Committee with what I'm certain were excellent arguments for retaining the program – and yet, was flummoxed by the feeling that decisions were already made, and with Deans' of programs affected having to support cuts to programs that were not in the best interest of their departments and possibly to the University as a whole. I can hear the murmuring – and yes, the organ program at UNL affects a small number of students and professors – but in the overall scheme when we make budget decisions based on what's popular or the majority, are we really building community that appreciates the value of diversity?

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# CALENDAR

May 2011

**May 19<sup>th</sup>** – SELS Training Extravaganza at Beatrice High School, see pages 12-13.

**May 19<sup>th</sup>** – ELS/SELS Spring Colloquium with Dr. J. Rufus Fears. See page 3.

**May 20<sup>th</sup>** – C&U/ITART Spring Meeting – The Next Step: Creating the Library of the Future at Union College. Includes a presentation by ACRL President, Lisa Janicke Hinchliffe – Engagement, Experimentation & Entrepreneurship, and Amy Mather from Omaha Public Library on Reengaging the Lost Patron. For more information go to: [www.nebraskalibraries.org/cu/](http://www.nebraskalibraries.org/cu/).

**May 21<sup>st</sup>** – Nebraska Book Festival. For more information on the Nebraska Book Festival see:

<http://bookfestival.nebraska.gov> and [www.facebook.com/NebraskaBookFestival](http://www.facebook.com/NebraskaBookFestival).

**May 26<sup>th</sup>** – Open house for Glenda Willnerd's retirement at Lincoln Public Schools District Office at 5901 "O" Street. 2:00 to 5:00. All are welcome!

**May 27<sup>th</sup>** – NLC Commissioners Meeting from 9:30 to 12:00 at Nebraska Library Commission in the Meadowlark Room. The meeting is open to the public. For more information contact Sue Biltoft, 402-471-2045 or 800-307-2665, or at: [sue.biltoft@nebraska.gov](mailto:sue.biltoft@nebraska.gov).

**June 6<sup>th</sup> to July 1<sup>st</sup>** – Basic Skills: Organization of Materials class. You can register online at the Nebraska Library Commission Training Calendar ([www.nlc.state.ne.us/training/train.asp](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/training/train.asp)). For a complete list of the Basic Skills modules, go to: [www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/basic/NBScalendar2011.html](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/basic/NBScalendar2011.html).

**June 17<sup>th</sup>** – CASTL Meeting at Seward Memorial Library – starting at **9 a.m.** This is our annual CASTL meeting where you have the opportunity to review all the books in the primary big list for the Golden Sower 2012-2013. We'll also have book reviews by a panel of readers from the Intermediate Golden Sower big list for 2012-2013. There will also be time to network with your colleagues from schools and public – so hope you'll plan to join us. See page 8.

**June 23<sup>rd</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>** – ALA in New Orleans – [www.alaannual.org](http://www.alaannual.org).

**June 30<sup>th</sup>** – SELS Annual Meeting at Morrill Hall and Love Library (UNL). See page 10.

**July 8<sup>th</sup>** – NLC Commissioners Meeting from 9:30 to 12 at Nebraska Library Commission in the Meadowlark Room. The meeting is open to the public. For more information contact Sue Biltoft, 402-471-2045 or 800-307-2665, or at: [sue.biltoft@nebraska.gov](mailto:sue.biltoft@nebraska.gov).

**July 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>** – Nebraska Library Leadership Institute, see pages 14-15 for details.

**July 16<sup>th</sup>** – SELS Friends Harry Potter Movie at Edgewood Theater. See page 4.

**July 22<sup>nd</sup>** – CASTL meeting at Kilgore Memorial Library in York

**July 30<sup>th</sup>** – Norfolk Public Library's 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Literature Festival – For more info go to: [www.nlc.nebraska.gov/reserve/2011litfestflyer.pdf](http://www.nlc.nebraska.gov/reserve/2011litfestflyer.pdf) and [www.nlc.nebraska.gov/reserve/2011litfestprogram.pdf](http://www.nlc.nebraska.gov/reserve/2011litfestprogram.pdf).



# SPRING COLLOQUIUM

Presented by Eastern & Southeast Library Systems

## The Price of Change: Are We at Risk of Losing our Heritage?

**May 19th**  
**Cornhusker Marriott Hotel**  
**Lincoln, Nebraska**  
 Yankee Hill Rooms 1 & 2

- 5:30 - 6:30 Social Hour with cash bar
- 6:30 - 7:30 Dinner with your choice of:

*Windsor Pork Loin*—with cherry rhubarb sauce  
*Stuffed Orange Roughy*— with Brown Bay sauce  
*Champagne Pasta*—with vegetables tossed in light champagne sauce

- 7:30 - 8:30 Presentation by Dr. Fears
- 8:30 - 9:30 Time for questions and discussion



Dr. J. Rufus Fears, the David Ross Boyd Professor of Classics at the University of Oklahoma, is an acclaimed teacher and scholar with 25 awards for teaching excellence. University of Oklahoma students have named him Professor of the Year three times. He regularly appears on national television and radio programs and has written several books. For more information, go to [drfears.com](http://drfears.com)

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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### Select:

- ◇ Windsor Pork Loin
- ◇ Stuffed Orange Roughy
- ◇ Champagne Pasta

Send registration and \$40 by **May 13th** to:

Southeast Library System  
 5730 R. St, Ste. C-1  
 Lincoln, NE 68505  
 Fax: (402)467-6196

This project was supported in part by state aid funding appropriated by the Nebraska Legislature, granted and administered by the Nebraska Library Commission. Partial funding also provided by the Nebraska Library Association and Bellevue University.



## AMONG TREASURED FRIENDS



### AGED TO PERFECTION AT JAMES ARTHUR VINEYARDS

April's Aged to Perfection was great fun for all who participated. Tom Bassett once again did a superb job appraising a wide variety of items that were brought in and he also helped conduct the auction that followed his program. James Arthur Vineyard was fantastic to work with, supporting our group by providing meeting space for SELS during the day and transforming the space for the Aged to Perfection event that night. Thanks to the generosity of so many, SELS Friends made just over \$200!



Cookbook sales kicked off during the event and will continue until this printing is sold out – don't wait to get yours. Only \$10 for a priceless collection!

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### SELS FRIENDS BOARD ELECTION... YOU SHOULD RUN, YOU'D BE GREAT!

The Board of Directors for the SELS Friends is made up of five current members of the group. Elections to this Board take place every odd year. This year three Director slots are up for election. If you are interested in running for one of these positions, please contact us at [info@selsfriends.org](mailto:info@selsfriends.org). The election will take place mid-May. You must be a current SELS Friends member to run – you can check your status at <http://selsfriends.org/members.html>.

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### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**June 11** – book fair at Barnes and Noble/South Pointe (see facing page for more information)

**July 16** – private showing of the last Harry Potter movie, 9:00 at the Edgewood Cinema in Lincoln

**November 25** – book fair at Barnes and Noble/South Pointe

**October 6 and 7** – The SELS Friends will have a table with many surprises at this year's NLA/NEMA conference in Lincoln.

**SAVE  
THE DATE**

# **Southeast Library System** **Barnes & Noble** **Bookfair**



**Saturday June 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**Barnes & Noble SouthPointe**  
**2910 Pine Lake Road**  
**Lincoln NE 68516**

## **JOIN US FOR THESE BOOKFAIR EVENTS:**

- **NOOK Color Class @ 9:30AM**

Come and learn about the future of reading at the Barnes & Noble NOOK Color class! Plus learn how you can utilize these devices in your library.

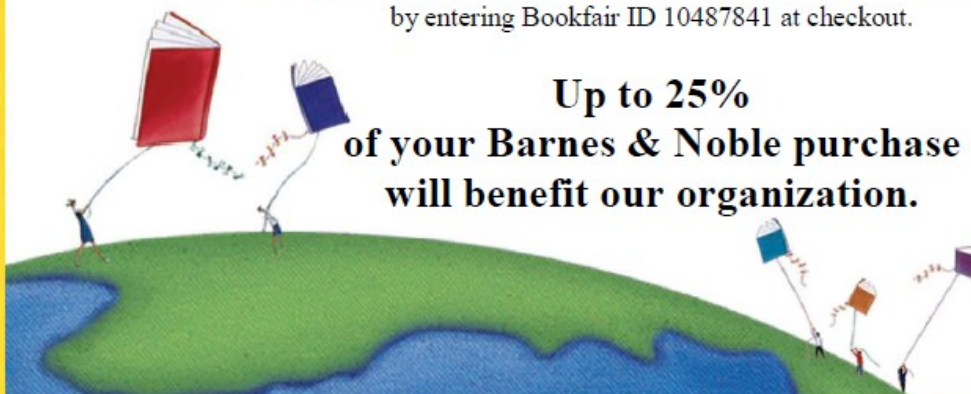
*Purchase of NOOKS and NOOK accessories (not ebooks) will help our bookfair!*

- **Meet Award Winning Children's Author Julia Cook from 1pm to 3pm**  
Julia's newest book "The Worst Day of My Life Ever" was just awarded the National Parenting Center Seal of Approval.

## **Can't attend our bookfair at Barnes & Noble?**

Visit [bn.com/bookfairs](http://bn.com/bookfairs) to support us online from 06/11/11 to 06/15/11  
by entering Bookfair ID 10487841 at checkout.

**Up to 25%**  
**of your Barnes & Noble purchase**  
**will benefit our organization.**





# {News Around the System}

## AASL Recognizes Lincoln High as an Outstanding Library

On April 27th the American Association of School Librarians recognized the Lincoln High Media Center as one of 35 outstanding school libraries in the United States. The library is representing Nebraska on the AASL's "Vision Tour". The President of the AASL, Nancy Everhart, is visiting all 35 libraries to showcase the excellent work they do for their communities and students. According to Ms. Everhart, there are about 100,000 school libraries. Being in the top 35 is quite an honor, so SELS would like to extend our congratulations!

Left to right: LHS Librarians Paula McClung and Pam Gannon with AASL President, Nancy Everhart at the award ceremony.



## Lincoln City Libraries "Pioneering" New Catalog



Lincoln City Libraries are the first to launch the new online catalog system, Koha, an open source software product, as a part of Nebraska's Pioneer Project. Since it is open source, the library has the ability to make adjustments, adaptations or improvements along the way, where those choices in the past were traditionally driven or prioritized by the vendor of the product, not the individual library. Hopes are that the new catalog will be easier for customers to navigate and similar to

popular retail websites that have become routine resources for the public. Some of the features of the new system that look to be popular with customers

are the ability to be notified before material is due and to keep a reading list, which could be a private list or one shared publicly through social networking. If you'd like to check out the new online system go to: <http://lincoln.pioneer.kohalibrary.com>. Next up in launching the online open source catalog is Grand Island Public Library. You can find more information on the Pioneer Project, as well as news and updates at: <http://lclpioneer.wordpress.com/>.

## Summer Reading Workshop Success Story

By Kirsten Wood, SELS Friends Scholarship Recipient  
"One Library, Many Librarians" was a better name for the Summer Reading workshop I attended in Lincoln rather than the official title of "One World, Many Stories. This is because I get such great ideas to "borrow" from the other librarians. I came back with at least two new ideas that I will be implementing as part of the program thanks to the brilliance of other librarians in the group. I am also grateful to Brenda and Jen for

bringing all of the die cuts for us to use. The camera picture frame die cut became the basis for a souvenir picture that we will be sending home with all of the kids at Summer Reading.

Overall, between the book recommendations, the die cuts, and the idea sharing, it was a fun, informative day! Thank you to the SELS Friends for the scholarship that gave me the opportunity to attend.



## La Vista Library Receives YALSA Grant

The La Vista Public Library's Teen Summer Reading Program will benefit from a recently awarded grant.

The library was awarded a \$1,000 Summer Reading Program Grant from the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA). The association gave out twenty of the grants, which are funded by the Dollar General Literacy Foundation.

La Vista Teen Coordinator Lindsey Tomsu said last year the library made a big jump in teen participation. With the grant, she plans to make this year's teen program even bigger and better with a theme "You are Here," which promises to be a cultural experience for the library's teens.

"I am planning many cultural-related activities ... such as a professional henna artist, proving cultural snacks at programs and other fun crafts that would have been out of my budget to supply the materials needed for 30-plus teens at each program," Tomsu said.

Tomsu said 2010 would "pale in comparison" to the coming summer, and she hoped to make the library "the place to be."

2011 Teen Summer Reading Program runs from June 6 to Aug. 12, every Tuesday and Thursday at 3:30 and 6 p.m. The a kick-off party will be held at 2 p.m. on June 2. At that time, teens can come to the library to pick up calendars, register for the program, and hear about the various activities that will be offered.

The program also features "Book Bucks," library dollars that can be earned and spent on various prizes.

The program is open to all teens in sixth through 12th grade. Teens can begin registering during the kick-off party and thereafter at the library's front desk. For more information, contact Lindsey Tomsu at 402-537-3900.

(reprinted from April 27, 2011 Omaha World Herald)

## Don't Miss "The Tradition in Traditional Folk Music" at the Benson Public Library in Omaha

On June 15, at 1:30 PM, David Seay will be presenting his one man show, "The Tradition in Traditional Folk Music" in the Benson Public Library, in Omaha.

This presentation is sponsored in part by the Nebraska Humanities Speaker's Bureau.

Combining his passions for music, history, and storytelling, David Seay has presented NHC Speakers Bureau programs since 1997. He is a master artist with the Nebraska Arts Council's

Artist-in-the-Schools Communities Residency Program and performs with his wife, Deborah Greenblatt, in the popular musical duo Greenblatt & Seay, which has participated in the Nebraska Arts Council's Touring Program for more than 20 years. David plays over a dozen instruments, teaches private music lessons, and conducts workshops in harmonica, songwriting, beginning folk dance, and hands-on-instruments.

## NLA Scholarship Recipients Announced

Join SELS in congratulating these 2011 NLA scholarship recipients!

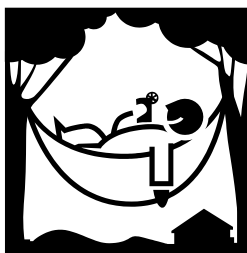
### Munson Scholarship (\$250)

- Sarah Warneke, Omaha Public Library

### Nixon Scholarship (\$1,000)

- Debbie Aden, UNL Libraries
- Brian Maass, Bellevue University
- Jennie Schneider, St. Mary's Public, O'Neill

## Well Wishes Welcome!



Glenda Willnerd will be retiring from Lincoln Public Schools – and we'd love to have you join in wishing her well. There will be an Open House on May 26<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to

5:00 at the Lincoln Public Schools District Office at 5901 "O" Street. The reception is hosted by LPS Library Media Services. We hope you can make it!



{News Around the System}

# Librarians Pick the Best Books...

## Come to Golden Sower Reading Day!

Join the CASTL Meeting on June 17th and vote for your favorite Golden Sower Nominees. This is a perfect time for public and school librarians to see the eighty-odd titles on the Golden Sower Big List for Kindergarten through 3rd grades. Vote for your favorite top-ten, and consider purchasing these titles for your collection. There will also be book talks of books on the Intermediate List during the afternoon.

**Seward Memorial Library**  
**June 17th, 2011**  
**9:00 a.m.**

You will need to provide your own lunch. Five continuing education hours will be awarded. Please RSVP so we have an accurate count of attendees. Email Jen at [jlarnason@windstream.net](mailto:jlarnason@windstream.net) or call 402.467.6188.

Regular CASTL attendees, please note that the Golden Sower Reading Day begins an hour earlier than our normal meetings!

**Seward Memorial Library is located at:**  
**233 S 5th Street**  
**Seward, NE 68434**  
**(402) 643-3318**



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# News and Notes



## Interested in OverDrive?

Are your customers asking for downloadable eBooks? For downloadable audiobooks? Consider joining the Nebraska Libraries OverDrive group at the start of the new subscription year—the deadline is **August 31, 2011**.

The first year's costs for OverDrive include a one-time \$500 set-up fee plus the annual subscription fee. The annual subscription fee, which is used to purchase new content, is 13 cents per population served with a minimum of \$500. So, if your library's population served is 3,846 or less, then your first year's cost would be \$1,000.

For more information and ordering instructions, see [www.nlc.state.ne.us/netserv/pricing/overdrive.html](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/netserv/pricing/overdrive.html)

For further questions, contact Susan Knisely, [susan.knisely@nebraska.gov](mailto:susan.knisely@nebraska.gov), 800-307-2665 or 402-471-3849, or Devra Dragos, [devra.dragos@nebraska.gov](mailto:devra.dragos@nebraska.gov), 800-307-2665 or 402-471-4335.

## TED Talks for Librarians

Check out Andy Woodworth's blog for five fantastic TED talks that every librarian should watch. He states, "I feel they are excellent perspectives from outside of the librarian echo chamber. Some have given me additional ideas for how to think and approach some of the issues that we as librarians face in the road ahead."

The talks are diverse and fascinating; from what we can learn from spaghetti sauce by Malcom Gladwell to why information access matters (in a round about way) by William Kamkwamba, a man that made a windmill for his family using books he found in a three-shelf school library.

<http://agnosticmaybe.wordpress.com/2011/04/30/ted-education-5-ted-talks-librarians-should-watch-and-why/>

## Read Aloud Nebraska

Read Aloud Nebraska wants to know - are you a Read Aloud School or Read Aloud Community yet? Turn in your no-cost application by the November 1st deadline, and you will be eligible to request free books to give away to the low income children you serve. This is in addition to the other benefits you receive for being a part of Read Aloud Nebraska - see [www.readaloudnebraska.org](http://www.readaloudnebraska.org) for details!

## Grants for Small Town Libraries

Small-town public libraries will receive a helping hand thanks to the generosity of a lifelong educator. A donor-advised fund of the Nebraska Community Foundation, established by the late Shirley Kreutz Bennett of Lincoln, will provide matching grants for public libraries in Nebraska communities with a population of less than 3,000.

Following Ms. Kreutz Bennett's wishes, a Fund Advisory Committee composed of her nieces and nephews will recommend grants in three areas: planning grants leading to accreditation; enhancement grants to improve library services and/or programs; and facilities grants for new facilities or the renovation, restoration or rehabilitation of current libraries. All grants will require a certain level of matching funds and evidence that the project has broad community support.

Approximately \$70,000 will be available each year. Grants will be awarded annually in each grant making area beginning in the spring of 2012. There are 228 libraries in Nebraska communities with populations under 3,000. Of those, 100 are not accredited by the Nebraska Library Commission.

To avoid duplication and to attempt to leverage existing resources, the Nebraska Library Commission will assist

the Nebraska Community Foundation and the Fund Advisory Committee with grantmaking. Grant seekers are encouraged to review the guidelines and application procedures at [www.nebcommfound.org/fund/kreutzbennett](http://www.nebcommfound.org/fund/kreutzbennett).

For more information, contact Sheri Hink, Outreach, Education and Events Manager, Nebraska Community Foundation, (402) 323-7347 or [shink@nebcommfound.org](mailto:shink@nebcommfound.org).

## Golden Sower 2010-2011 Winners and Honor Books

The following titles were selected by a record-breaking 70,365 readers across the great state of Nebraska!

### Primary Winner

*Titanicat* by Marty Crisp; illustrated by Robert Papp

### Primary Honor Books

*The Dog Who Belonged to No One* by Amy Hest; illustrated by Amy Bates  
*Duck Soup* written and illustrated by Jackie Urbanovic

### Intermediate Winner

*Stolen Children* by Peg Kehret

### Intermediate Honor Books

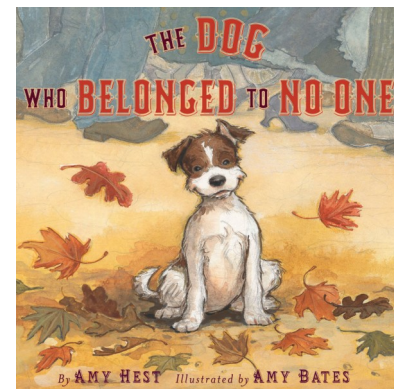
*Swindle* by Gordon Korman  
*Savvy* by Ingrid Law

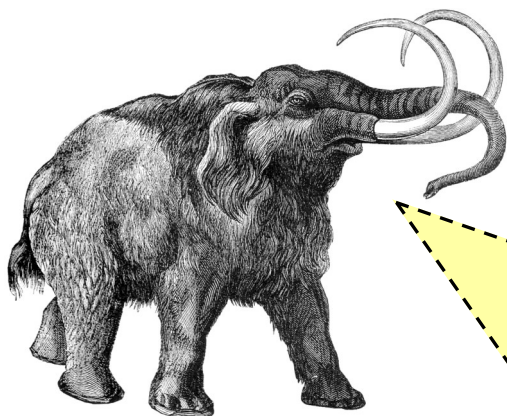
### Young Adult Winner

*The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins

### Young Adult Honor Books

*Artichoke's Heart* by Suzanne Supplee  
*Fakie* by Tony Varrato





*(Sowings, continued from front page)*

## SELS ANNUAL BOARD MEETING

June 30th, 2011

Morrill Hall in Lincoln, NE

9:30—12:00 “Extreme Planets” in the Mueller Planetarium and self-guided museum tour.

12:15—Lunch from Doozy’s in Library Instruction Room (LIR) 110.

1:30—3:30 Board Meeting

\$15 covers all activities and lunch. Everyone is welcome!

RSVP to Jen at [jlarnason@windstream.com](mailto:jlarnason@windstream.com) or 402.467.6188. For more info on Morrill Hall go to: <http://www-museum.unl.edu/>

**You'll have a great time, from dawn 'til tusk!**

Of course, there are real financial issues that have to be dealt with so painful cuts will happen. I’m just suggesting that we start thinking about value in a different way that perhaps has more to do with success than numbers and dollars.

Secondly, the sentiment that speaks to diverse ideas and respect for others in spite of differences speaks to a philosophy of libraries that is so essential as a part of community. It’s that library service role, of providing material, ideas and information for all individuals within our communities – in spite of popularity or majority thought – that should bring resounding support from library customers and library funding entities. Somehow I don’t think that happens. If it does, it is certainly not what’s picked up in local news stories or by library boards or librarians in responding to concerns about pornography on the internet, children’s stories of two male penguins raising a baby penguin, youth and mobile devices and downloadable books, even what is literature or quality materials worthy of limited collection dollars. And as we all know, we have a variety of opinions on all those issues, and most likely justification to support our viewpoint. So, what do we do with human beings who can’t be trusted but to put their values, priorities and needs ahead of or in place of someone else’s? We support a library as a place that strives on serving difference, and librarians that are trained and reminded of the value of collections and services that work toward responding to interests of everyone in the community they serve, and that those interests belong to individuals – maybe not their neighbors, or maybe not even their librarian’s – and we can learn to respect that viewpoint, possibly understand, or at its base understand the need for an institution that does not cater only to what’s popular. Communities need libraries if only to have a fighting chance at democracy or in getting to the place that Mayor Beutler speaks to, where we respect and rejoice in each other whether it’s in conversations regarding budgets or library collections and services.



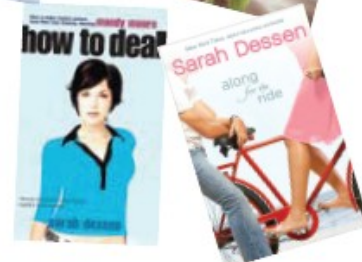
CASTL meetings are open to librarians of all types, library trustees and library friends or supporters. The meetings typically start at 10:00 a.m., and wrap up by 3:00 or 3:30. Each meeting has a dedicated topic of focus, as well as a round robin for discussion and sharing of current issues, topics and library happenings. Attendees earn continuing education hours and you are welcome to join us for all or even part of the day.

- June 17<sup>th</sup> – Seward Memorial Library (Golden Sower Book Review)
- July 22<sup>nd</sup> – Kilgore Memorial Library – York
- August 11<sup>th</sup> – Bruun Memorial Library – Humboldt
- September 16<sup>th</sup> – Morton-James Public Library – Nebraska City
- November 3<sup>rd</sup> – Lincoln
- December 8<sup>th</sup> – Pawnee City Public Library



# Author Sarah Dessen

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7 PM

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# SELS Training Extravaganza

## May 19th at Beatrice High School

|               | Track 1                                   | Track 2   | Lab:   |
|---------------|---|---|--|
| 9:30 -10:30   | Library Board Relationships               | Exploring eBooks Panel Discussion   | QR Codes with Scott Childers                 |
| 10:45 - 11:45 | Homestead Monument                        | Authors & Illustrators Visit Libraries Via 21st Century Technology with Glenda Willnerd | Cloud Computing with Scott Childers          |
| 11:45 - 12:45 | <b>Lunch</b>                              |   |  |
| 12:45 - 1:45  | 2011 ALA RUSA Reading List Reviews        | <i>Local Wonders</i> Book Discussion  | Google with Megan Boggs                      |
| 2:00 - 3:00   | Grant Writing Workshop with Barb A. Baier | Trends In Library Buildings with Kent Munster   | Security and Openness Online with Aaron Alai |

Mark the sessions you'd like to attend:

|             | 1                        | 2                        | Lab                      |
|-------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 9:30-10:30  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10:45-11:45 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 12:45-1:45  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2:00-3:00   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Enclose \$15 registration fee for each person attending.

Registration deadline is **May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011**. Lunch is not provided.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to **Southeast Library System**, 5730 R St., Suite C-1, Lincoln, NE 68505 Fax: (402)467-6196



## TRACK 1:

### *Library Board Relationships*

A conversation on the roles of library boards, including relationships with the city/village, community, elected officials and library director. Feel free to bring your questions – if we can't answer them today, we'll get back to you ASAP following the Extravaganza. This session is appropriate for directors, staff or trustees.

### *2011 ALA RUSA Reading List Reviews*

The Reference & User Services Association (RUSA) of ALA annually recognizes a Reading List of the best books in eight genres: adrenaline (suspense, thriller, adventure), fantasy, historical fiction, horror, mystery, romance, science fiction and women's fiction. Come listen in to this panel of readers as they book talk titles from the list of winners, short-list and read-alikes.

### *Homestead National Monument*

A session on the Homestead National Monument of America. We'll have a representative from the National Park Service on hand to share information and answer questions. The Homestead National Monument of America commemorates one of the first documented Nebraska homesteads and stands as a tribute to the waves of land-seekers who ventured west in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century to take up the demanding life of the prairie farmer. In addition to the Park's visitor center, you'll find a historic log cabin typical of those in eastern Nebraska, the original Freeman school and trails that wind through the restored tallgrass prairie.

### *Grant Writing Workshop with Barb A. Baier*

Barbara Baier has worked as a grant writer, program planner and fund raiser for over 20 years. She has secured grants and developed programming in a range of issue areas, including libraries, education, family support services, environment, homeland security, firefighting, law enforcement, parks, recreation, health, micro enterprise, aging services, labor, the arts, and legal services. Recent achievements include Sunken Gardens Renovation, Rose Garden Renovation, Union Plaza, AmeriCorps, and Stimulus Funding. She has also provided consulting services to nonprofits and tribal authorities throughout Nebraska.

## TRACK 2:

### *Exploring eBooks with Megan Boggs (SML), Susan Kniseley (NLC) and Brenda Ealey and/or Jen Barnason (SELS)*

What's all this talk about eBooks? Join us for information on e-book readers, such as the one you can borrow from the Southeast Library System, information on downloadable books via OverDrive, and ideas on how you can share e-readers and ebooks with your library customers.

### *Local Wonders Book Discussion*

Local Wonders by Ted Kooser is the 2011 One Book One Nebraska selection. Come join us for a discussion about the book with your colleagues. It is suggested that you read *Local Wonders* before this session on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

### *Authors & Illustrators Visit Libraries Via 21st Century Technology with Glenda Willnerd*

Looking for alternative ways to introduce authors to your readers? Come to this session to learn how to Skype with an author. This session will also include other resources to bring real live authors to your patrons via the internet without all the hassle of arranging for travel, lodging and meals.

### *Trends in Library Buildings with Kent Munster*

Kent Munster is a designer and Principal with The Clark Enersen Partners architects in Lincoln and a SELS Board member. He is a member of the library design team at Clark Enersen, working on over 50 projects during the last 15 years. Kent is a strong proponent of environmentally-friendly design and has been involved in many of the firm's LEED certified projects.

## LAB:

### *The Curious Case of QR Codes with Scott Childers*

These strange square symbols are popping up all over. This session will show you how to use your smartphone to read them, what libraries are using them for, and how you can make them for your own library.

### *Experimenting with Google with Megan Boggs*

Learn about some of the newer features Google has to offer: Realtime, Panoramio, Picnik and Voice. We'll also take a look at what's cooking in the Google Labs, the place where Google experiments live!

### *Head in a Fog about Cloud Computing? with Scott Childers*

"In the cloud" is where many computer products seem to be heading. This session will explain what that means, show some examples, and talk about why people are getting so excited about it.

### *Security and Openness Online with Aaron Alai*

Aaron Alai is a passionate scientist, inventor, and Engineering Mechanics Analyst at UNL where he is working to progress the field of Traumatic Brain Injury research. In this session, he'll speak about the notions of privacy and trust online and what we can do to keep our libraries and patrons secure without hampering access.

## Facilitators

Together, Becky and John have facilitated leadership institutes in Utah, California, Alaska, North Carolina, Ohio, Texas, Nebraska and in Australia.

**Becky Schreiber:** For more than 25 years, Becky has been helping organizations reinvent themselves in response to customer expectations. Becky has established herself as a consultant who understands the needs of libraries and has the experience to work effectively within those systems. She is known for thorough preparation, dynamic presentation, and responsiveness to her clients. Becky has an M.Ed. in Counseling from the American University and a B.S. from Hood College.

**John Shannon:** Consulting since 1973, John's current focus is in helping his clients understand and develop their capacity to capitalize on the dynamic forces of change that are unleashed once an organization is in motion. He believes a key element in this process is the building of a critical mass of employees committed to the change; enormous gains are then possible. His clients rely on his intuitive process skills and conflict resolution. John has an M.S. in Applied Behavioral Sciences from Johns Hopkins University and a B.S. from the University of Dayton.

Librarians of all types are encouraged to apply for this unique experience!

## Mentors

Outstanding library and community leaders will be mentors at the 2011 Nebraska Library Leadership Institute, including practicing librarians from academic, special and public backgrounds. These leaders are knowledgeable about libraries and care about providing library service in Nebraska. They will share real-life experiences, successes, failures, joys, frustrations, wisdom, perspectives and advice. They will also facilitate discussions, give brief presentations on topics of special importance to them and schedule time to meet with participants to discuss career goals.

### 2011 Mentors

Nancy Busch  
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Sherry Crow  
Brenda Ealey  
Steve Fosselman  
Wally Seiler  
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& *sharing*  
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Nebraska Library  
Leadership  
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## 2011 Nebraska Library Leadership Institute

July 10-14, 2011  
St. Benedict  
Center  
Schuyler, NE  
Beginning at 1:00 p.m.  
on the 10th  
and ending after lunch  
on the 14th

Following the success of the 2001, 2003, 2005, 2007 and 2009 Nebraska Library Leadership Institutes, the Nebraska Regional Library Systems are pleased to offer the sixth Leadership Institute. It is a four-day institute for 30 librarians from across the state who will become our library leaders of tomorrow. During the coming years, incredible socio-economic, demographic and technological changes will continue to take place and our leaders must ensure that libraries continue to serve as a key element in the state's info-structure.

### Purpose

The purpose of the Nebraska Library Leadership Institute 2011 is to provide future Nebraska library leaders a structured professional opportunity to:

- Examine their own leadership styles in depth.
- Gain knowledge and skills needed for effective leadership in a rapidly changing environment.
- Identify their professional and personal goals.
- Develop a network of professional peers with whom they will continue to work for years to come.
- Interact with a select group of outstanding library leaders who will serve as mentors.



### Participants

The 30 selected participants will have demonstrated:

- Outstanding leadership potential.
- Excellent communication skills.
- Successful library employment experience.
- Initiative, commitment and reasonable risk-taking.

### Requirements

All applicants must complete an application form which can be found online at any of the system web pages or by contacting your System office or:

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Applications must be postmarked no later than **May 20, 2011**. The 30 Institute participants will be notified by May 31, 2011. The tuition of \$225 from the 30 selected participants is due by June 30, 2011.

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Whatever the cost of our  
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ignorant nation.

Walter Cronkite

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